



Credential Tip Sheet: Michigan Youth Development Associate (MI-YDA)

Career Cluster: Education & Training

CIP Code: 13.0000

CIP Program Name: Education, General

Assessment & Credentialing Agency: Michigan After-School Partnership (MASP)

Industry-recognized credential: Michigan Youth Development Associate (MI-YDA)

What are the content areas covered by the credential?

The MI-YDA covers safety and wellness, professional development and leadership, cultural competency, family, school, and community relationships, program planning and development, interactions with children and youth, child/youth growth and development, learning environments and curriculum, child/youth observation and assessment, and youth engagement. Teachers can find more information at www.mi-yda.org.



Credential Qualifications or Pre-requisites

To be eligible to test, a candidate must possess a high school diploma or equivalent; or be enrolled as a junior or senior in a high school Career and Technical Education program in the Education & Training Career Cluster. Students must apply to begin the credential process and develop a portfolio with training documentation. Students must log 120 hours of instructional time and 480 hours of work-based learning in education (240 hours must be from out of school time programs). The MI-YDA will expire after three years and is renewable through the Michigan After-School Partnership [Michigan After School Partnership \(miafterschool.org\)](http://miafterschool.org).

Exam Information

The exam consists of a performance evaluation and a written examination. The written test consists of 50 multiple choice questions, with 5 extended response essays and is not timed. This exam is taken online. Once the test is passed with an 80%, an observation is scheduled. Additional specific exam information can be found at [Michigan Youth Development Associate Certificate and Credential Program \(MI-YDA\)](#).

Student concentrators in state-approved CTE programs who have completed at least two Perkins Course Competencies (PCC) with a 2.0 or better and have completed the qualifications and instruction required by the credentialing body may take the credential exam. Teachers can find more resources and information on the Michigan Department of Education's website [MDE - Education and Training \(michigan.gov\)](https://mde.michigan.gov).

Credentials earned may be recorded for students in the Career and Technical Education Information System (CTEIS) through August 31st of the student's graduation year. Step-by-step instructions on how to enter credentials in CTEIS can be found here: [Manage Credentials Guide](#).



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